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* 1401 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many headmasters and headmistresses have retired since 1st November 1956 in Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) among them, how many have been granted pension so far; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in giving pensions?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Ninety headmasters and headmistresses of Kanyakumari district have retired from service since 1st November 1956. Of them, forty-seven have been granted pension so far.

(*c*) The pension of these officers has to be sanctioned in consultation with the Audit authorities in Kerala State and this takes time.

Collection of donations by girl students

* 1405 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri N. K. PALANISAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any instructions have been issued preventing girl students from collecting donations for educational institutions by selling tickets?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The instructions apply not only to girls but to boys also.

Opening of High Schools (Thanjavur district)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member, who gave notice of question No. 1406 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

*** 1406 *Q.*—Sri T. R. RAMAMIRTHA THONDAMAN :** கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

தஞ்சை ஜில்லா திருப்பனந்தாள், பந்தநல்லூர், சோழபுரம் என்ற 3 ஊர்களிலும் உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளி ஆரம்பிக்கவேண்டுமென விண்ணப்பம் ஏதேனும் வந்ததா? அப்படியானால், அதன்பேரில் எடுத்த நடவடிக்கை என்ன?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned the opening of high schools at Tirupanandal, Pandanallur and Sholapuram during 1961–62.

Study of foreign languages

* 1407 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the facilities given by the Government to students and Universities for the study of foreign languages like French, German and Russian in our State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : In fifteen colleges in this State, provision has been made for the study of French. The University of Madras and the Annamalai University are conducting

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courses in French and German. Besides, the Annamalai University has provided for the study of French and German in the Pre-University, B.A. and B.Sc. classes.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether any arrangement is made for the study of Russian language also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Now that the Russian language is also gaining importance. I think, we should make provision for the study of the Russian language also.

SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM : அயல் நாட்டில் இருந்து இதற்கு உதவித் தொகை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா? அப்படியானால் எவ்வளவு கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : இதற்கு உதவித் தொகை எதிர்பார்ப்பது சரியல்ல.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Apart from gaining proficiency in foreign languages, what arrangements have been made to popularise the Hindi language by awarding diplomas and conducting short-term courses through the University of Madras in the evenings?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The main question relates to foreign languages and I do not bring Hindi under foreign language.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know how many students have taken up this course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have information with regard to the exact number of students taking up this course in foreign languages but my impression is that it is quite popular.

Documentary (Queen's visit)

* 1408 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : } SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government the withdrawal of the exhibition of the coloured documentary on Queen Elizabeth's visit from public exhibition in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It was considered that proper footage was not given to the Queen's visit to Madras and some of the important engagements of the Queen, like her participation in the Children's Rally and visit to the Fort St. George were not shown.